



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, Gina Joyce, and Deirdre Kvale

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; City Attorney: John Thames; and LLFD Battalion Chief: Chris Adams; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller (departed early)

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner offered the following comments and updates:

With the forecasted volume of snow coming, Mayor Miner reminded residents that the City has communicated regarding not parking any vehicles on City streets during the storm in order for the streets to get plowed safely. He encouraged residents to stay home if possible and noted that depending on weather, City Hall may be closed on Thursday. He encouraged residents to help each other whenever possible through the storm.

The Long Lake Fire Department has an event coming up at 10:00 am on February 25, 2023 called 'Everyone Can Save a Life' which will be a hands-only CPR training.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Joyce, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of January 24, 2023 Economic Development Authority Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of January 24, 2023 City Council Work Session Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of January 24, 2023 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Minutes of February 7, 2023 City Council Work Session
- E. Approve Minutes of February 7, 2023 City Council meeting
- F. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 Appointing Residents Virginia See and Steve Keating to the position of Planning Commission member serving terms effective through December 31, 2026
- H. Appoint Planning Commission Member Roger Adams as Chair, and member Steve Keating as Chair Pro-Tempore of the Planning Commission for 2023
- I. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-13, A Resolution Consenting to the Assignment of Purchase Agreement and Authorizing Closing on the Sale of Certain Real Property
- J. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-14 Appointing Long Lake Resident Erika Leachman to the Position of Park Board Member Serving a Term Effective Through December 31, 2025

- K. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 Appointing Residents Thomas Joyce and Tony David to the Position of Park Board Member Serving Terms Effective Through December 31, 2025

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Joyce, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Presentation of 2022 Long Lake Fire Department Annual Report

Battalion Chief Adams presented the Long Lake Fire Department's Annual Report for 2022. He noted that the Department's mission, vision, and value statements are unchanged. He reviewed the current leadership and organization structure of the Department, and reported that there are currently 42 active Department members. He shared the breakdown of station facilities/equipment and gave an overview of the emergency call activity for 2022. He informed Council that they had a total of 431 calls in 2022, which is slightly above what the trend has been.

Council member Kvale asked if the Department had any idea what was causing the increase in call activity.

Adams replied that it is hard to tell with certainty, but observed that they had a spike in medical calls. He mentioned that there was one day in January where they had five heart attack calls in one day.

Mayor Miner recalled that he believed it was a snow removal day when those heart attack calls had happened and cautioned residents to be cautious during the upcoming snow event.

Adams answered Council questions on false alarm calls, good intent calls, and some of the educational efforts that the LLFD has undertaken with homeowners. He reviewed the mutual aid requests and average first unit response times, with the Department averaging 13.55 responders per call regardless of time of day; presented details related to call hours and the total calls per month; and reported on the retirement of Kelly Shaughnessy, new probationary members, and members who came off of probationary status. He provided an overview of the training goals/goals for the Department for 2023; pointed out the top responders for calls and for training at each station; and congratulated the firefighters who have reached service milestones ranging between five and 15 years. Lastly, he highlighted upcoming LLFD events including the Pancake Breakfast on April 23, 2023; the Red Hot Run 5K on July 29, 2023; the Fire Prevention Open House on October 9, 2023; and the Slow Burn Brigade Toy and Food Drive on December 2, 2023.

Mayor Miner thanked Adams for his presentation, commented that he felt there was a lot of valuable data included in his report, and expressed his appreciation for Adams' help with filling various job duties while the City searches for a new Fire Chief.

Grant Application and Agreement between Metropolitan Council Environmental Services and the City for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

City Engineer Reifsteck gave an overview of the grant application and agreement for the MCES 2020 Municipal I and I program, and detailed the expected reimbursement amount that the City should receive from the grant program.

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Joyce, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09 approving the Grant Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the City of Long Lake for the 2022 Sanitary

Sewer Rehabilitation Project, subject to minor modifications and final review by City Attorney. Ayes: all.

2023 Pavement Improvement Project – Accept Plans and Specifications, Advertise for Bids

Reifsteck introduced the proposed 2023 Pavement Improvement Project and noted that the proposed project mainly entails reclamation as well as mill and overlay work. Staff is recommending approval of the project plans and specifications, with authorization to solicit bids by the end of March. Bids would be brought forward for Council approval at their first meeting in April.

The Council discussed projects and upcoming plans related to pavement improvements throughout the City.

A motion was made by Miner, seconded by Dyvik, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 accepting the plans and specifications for the 2023 Pavement Improvement Project and to authorize the advertisement for bids. Ayes: all.

Approve Subscription Terms with Flock Ground Inc. and Location for Installation of an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Camera

City Administrator Weske indicated that the proposed location for an ALPR camera would be near Wayzata Boulevard W and Old Long Lake Road. The City would not maintain any of the information documented by the camera, as that information would be used and managed by the Wayzata Police Department. He gave examples of how the proposed camera could be used to assist with tracking vehicles coming into and leaving town, and clarified that the camera would not track speed but would just logging data.

Mayor Miner gave a brief explanation of the discussion that occurred at the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition level and notified Council of the Coalition's decision to reimburse the City for the installation costs and the first year of the annual service fee for the camera.

Council member Kvale expressed her appreciation to the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition for their donation to the City for the ALPR installation.

A motion was made by Miner, seconded by Dyvik, to approve the annual subscription terms and Services Agreement Order Form with Flock Group, Inc. and to authorize installation of the ALPR camera in the area of Wayzata Boulevard W and Old Long Lake Road. Ayes: all.

Resolution Opposing Legislation to Move Funds from the Long Lake Fire Relief Association to the Orono Firefighters Relief Association without the Consent of The City of Long Lake.

Weske stated that at their February 13, 2023 meeting, the Orono City Council had directed their staff to pursue legislation to move funds from the Long Lake Fire Relief Association to the newly formed Orono Firefighters Relief Association. He observed that the intent appears to be to hire away the Long Lake Fire Department firefighters.

Council member Kvale suggested that the wording may in the proposed Resolution should perhaps be amended to make it clear that the City remains party to a long-term contract, and that the phrase 'at this time' should be replaced with the actual end date of the contract. She questioned why Orono needed the pension fund to transition now when there are still three years left on the existing contract.

Mayor Miner shared that he and Council member Dyvik had attended the Orono City Council meeting last week. Their Council did not officially address the letter Long Lake had submitted at the end of

January. He informed Council that he had spoken with Senator Morrison and Representative Myers regarding the matter. Both conveyed that this was an issue between the two cities and not something the State should be involved in at this point; therefore, authoring legislation was not something that they would be willing to do right now. He stated that the Orono City Council had made statements about getting this done by 2024 and hiring Long Lake firefighters, which was why there was a need on Orono's part to move forward in such a hurry. His understanding is that this action item has been put on hold by Orono right now, but he feels the City of Long Lake should still pass the proposed Resolution to set forth their position. He noted that the City is still in negotiations with Orono and are awaiting their response to the letter that was submitted in January of 2023.

Council member Dyvik commented that he was surprised Orono had not yet responded to the letter with the City's counteroffer because they had previously communicated how urgent receiving a response from Long Lake was to them. He asked if a copy of this Resolution, once approved, would be sent to Senator Morrison's and Representative Myers' offices so they understood the City's stance.

A motion was made by Joyce, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08 declaring opposition to any legislation contemplating the transfer of Long Lake Fire Relief Association pension funds to the City of Orono and Orono Firefighters Relief Association without the consent of Long Lake.

Prior to a second on the motion, Council member Kvale proposed a friendly amendment to include the actual date the current contract ends.

Friendly amendment to the motion accepted by Joyce, seconded by Miner, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08 declaring opposition to any legislation contemplating the transfer of Long Lake Fire Relief Association pension funds to the City of Orono and Orono Firefighters Relief Association without the consent of Long Lake, amending the Resolution to add a date reflecting that the contract expires December 31, 2025. Ayes: all.

Updates and Discussion Regarding Fire Department Matters

Weske reported that interviews are scheduled for February 28, 2023 for the Fire Chief position. He will be distributing documents for Council to review and a proposed interview schedule prior to that date.

Mayor Miner added that the next Fire Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to take place in April.

Council member Dyvik suggested that the Fire Advisory Board include time on their agenda to discuss the CIP and consider making adjustments.

Mayor Miner advised that there will be another Future Fire Services Planning Group meeting on March 1, 2023, and communication remains open with the surrounding cities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission - Council member Kvale expressed her appreciation to the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission for the work they do and mentioned that she wanted people to be aware of all the programming they produce. In addition to their programming being available on their channels, it is also available for viewing via their website and YouTube. She noted that there will be a symposium held in March to discuss the future of the LMCC. Mayor Miner commented that with the reduction in cable subscribers they have had some funding challenges, and they are looking for alternative ways to fund their business model.

Planning Commission Update - Council member Feldmann indicated that there was a very short Planning Commission meeting last month, which he'd attended as Planning Commission Liaison.

Meetings with Legislators - Mayor Miner gave an overview of some of the meetings and discussions he has had over the last few weeks with Senator Morrison and Representatives Myers and Phillips.

Possible Earth Day Event - Council member Joyce reflected that Earth Day will be April 22, 2023, and she is hopeful that the Long Lake Waters Association may host an event like they have done in past years.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator